

Sirhan Data Not Missing: LA Official

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — Los Angeles County Clerk William G. Sharp denies as "totally unfounded" a grand jury's criticism of his office for its handling of exhibits of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination.

The 58-year-old department head said he has seen no evidence that anyone in his office has done anything improper and he said he welcomes an investigation by a special task force.

He is confident, Sharp said, that the inquiry will confirm the efficiency of the management of the clerk's office.

Sharp also told a press conference that "no regular records or exhibits" used at the Sirhan B. Sirhan trial are missing.

Commenting on a grand jury's charge that numerous pages from two photostatic copies of Sirhan's "RFK Must Die" notebooks are unaccounted for and that the copy of another of the notebooks is missing in its entirety, Sharp said the original notebooks are intact and in the hands of the California Supreme Court (which is reviewing Sirhan's automatic appeal).

He conceded that certain photostatic copies are incomplete but said these, if necessary, can be reconstructed from the original exhibits.